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SUBJ: UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS: U.S.-MEXICAN COOPERATION AT LAREDO

1. AFTERNOON MEXICO CITY PRESS MAY 12 HEADLINED REPORT FROM NUEVO LAREDO OF A "MAJOR OPERATION" BY U.S. BORDER PATROL AGAINST ALIEN SMUGGLERS, WITH APPARENT ENERGETIC COOPERATION OF MEXICAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. REPORT SUGGESTED THAT, IN EXCHANGE, U.S. AUTHORITIES WERE AIDING IN CRACKDOWN ON SMUGGLERS ENGAGED IN RUNNING WEAPONS INTO MEXICO.

2. REPORT WAS KEYED TO ARREST OF TWO MEXICAN "ENGANCHADORES", RICARDO AMADOR LARA AND ALBERTO MENDEZ CORTES, ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING 200 ALIENDS INTO SAN ANTONIO AREA IN PAST SIX MONTHS VIA RAILROAD BOX CARS. AT SAME TIME, REPORTER NOTED THAT A "CHICANO" IDENTIFIED AS PEDRO LONA LEDEZMA HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN LAREDO WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO SMUGGLE 24 HIGH POWER WEAPONS ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BY AUTO. THESE, REPORTER CONCLUDED, WERE FIRST STEPS IN WHAT WAS BILLED AS A MAJOR COOPERATIVE CAMPAIGN TO CATCH
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"BIG FISH" SMUGGLERS ON BOTH SIDES.

3. COMMENT: WE ASSUME ENTERPRISING REPORTER HAS SUCCEEDED IN BLOWING A LITTLE STORY INTO A BIG ONE, BUT WE ARE ENCOURAGED NEVERTHELESS BY ILLUSTRATIONS OF GROWING COOPERATION BETWEEN IMMIGRATION"CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES ON TWO SIDES OF BORDER TO CRACK DOWN ON SMUGGLERS -- A THEME MUCH DISCUSSED AT LAST MONTH'S JOINT MEETING OF OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS ON UNDOCUMENTED MIGRATION.

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